

SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Trust Fund Contribution to the Central Florida Freedom School operated by Free to Be Me, Inc.

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

DIVISION:

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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval by the Board of County Commissioners to contribute \$2,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Central Florida Freedom School operated by Free to Be Me, Inc.

County-wide

Penny Fleming

BACKGROUND:

Free to Be Me, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization which has provided services to approximately 150 children and their families residing in the Sanford area since June 2004. The primary mission of the organization is to promote family unity by empowering parents and their children with the skills required to improve family literacy and student academic skills. In order to achieve its mission, Free to Be Me, Inc. operates a five week summer youth program referred to as the Central Florida Freedom School. This program is a community project that engages approximately 50 students, ages 5-16 residing in the Sanford area with a curriculum that includes reading enrichment, goal setting, conflict resolution and community service activities. Local college students assist with the program.

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office actively supports youth programs that provide services to at-risk youth and therefore would like to contribute \$2,000.00 in support of the Central Florida Freedom School Program operated by Free to Be Me, Inc.

This request complies with Chapter 932.7055(4)(a), Florida State Statutes. The State/Local Forfeiture Fund Cash Balance prior to this commitment is \$12,752.51.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Sheriff's Office recommends approval by the Board of County Commissioners to contribute \$2,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to the Central Florida Freedom School operated by Free to Be Me, Inc.

Additionally Reviewed By:

☒ Budget Review (Ben Crawford, Lisa Spriggs)